

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES
POLICY AND PROCEDURES

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Subject: Law Enforcement Involvement		

I. Policy Statement

Division employees shall contact local law enforcement for assistance whenever staff identifies significant risk of danger to staff and/or juveniles.

II. Rationale

Local law enforcement shall be contacted to maintain the safety of Division personnel and juveniles during extreme emergency situations; or when there is reason to believe the situation may become an emergency situation.

III. Definitions

An “extreme emergency situation” is a situation where staff and juveniles are in significant danger of personal injury if the situation is not resolved. Extreme emergency situations include, but are not limited to, riots, hostage situations, extremely volatile juveniles, and absconders.

IV. Procedures

- A. If staff believes an extreme emergency situation exists, staff shall determine whether there is an immediate threat. If the threat is immediate, staff shall contact law enforcement immediately, and then notify administrative staff. If the threat is not immediate, staff shall contact a supervisor and receive approval before contacting law enforcement.
- B. Staff shall allow law enforcement to take the lead in extreme emergency situations. Staff shall provide recommendations when requested by law enforcement.
- C. Staff shall not restrict entry of law enforcement personnel who respond to emergency situations with their weapons.
- D. Personnel may request law enforcement assistance when they search a juvenile’s placement, and when staff believes a situation may become dangerous.

V. Continuous Renewal

This policy shall be reviewed three (3) years from its effective date to determine its effectiveness and appropriateness. This policy may be reviewed before that time to reflect substantive change.

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This policy has been reviewed by the Board of Juvenile Justice Services and is approved upon the signature of the Director.

Jody Valantine, Chair
Board of Juvenile Justice Services

Date

Dan Maldonado, Acting Director
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